



Providing Interoperable Systems for Our First Responders

(Monday, November 14, 2005) Homeland Security Committee Chairman Peter T. King (R-NY) spoke about expediting the transition of television signals from analog to digital transmission at a press conference last Thursday. House Republicans are seeking to establish December 31, 2008 as the hard deadline for this transition to improve critical communications and interoperability between firemen, police, and other first responders.



Figure 1 Chairman Peter T. King (center) with Volunteer Fire Co. of Halfway, MD and the Glenn Dale Fire Association Inc. of Glenn Dale, MD



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4